

Busy on calypso circuit...

# Sparrow: I am ready for them

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At the age of 78 and now recovered from a coma suffered last September, the Mighty Sparrow continues to be busy on the calypso circuit.

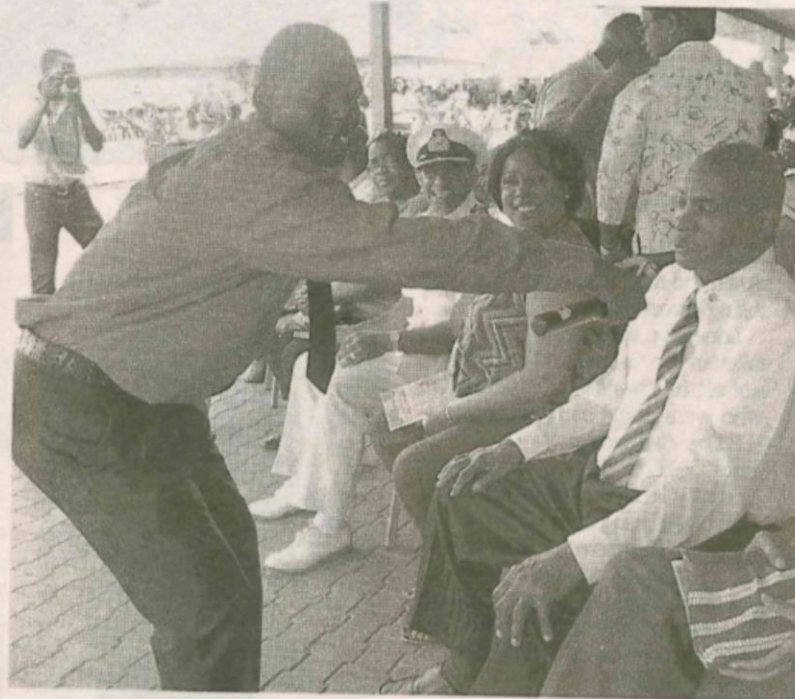
Welcomed home last Monday, at Piarco International, the Calypso King of the World was up early the next morning for an exclusive interview with Hema Ramkissoon on The Morning Brew, on CNC3.

Wednesday was another hectic day for Sparrow as he participated in the inaugural session of the If Sparrow Say So...lecture series, at Central Bank auditorium in the evening, hosted by Canboulay Productions, followed by a performance at De Nu Pub (The Mas Camp) in the night, with Black Stalin and Chalk-dust.

Come Tuesday, Sparrow is billed to join the cast of Shurwayne Winchester in Concert following a meeting at his home in Diego Martin between the Birdie and the former international soca monarch/toad march champion.

"I am ready for them," said an elated Sparrow on Wednesday. "Shurwayne and I spoke and I am ready for action."

"I am ecstatic," said Winchester on Wednesday. "I have worked with Sparrow before, but it is an honour to have him perform at my show. I



Malachi Sylvester lets Calypso King of the World Slinger Francisco (The Mighty Sparrow) sing along during his performance of his calypso, Mr Walker and I can't do that, during the Civilian Conservation Corps Calypso Competition at St John's Ambulance Association, Fitzblackman Drive, Port-of-Spain, on Friday. PHOTO: KRISTIAN DE SILVA

have always thought it important to integrate my work with that of the icons of the industry and take every opportunity to include them in my projects. They paved the way for me and all of us."

Part proceeds from Tuesday's concert will go to the T&T Cancer Society. Other acts on the show are 3Canal, Farmer Nappy, Lord Nelson, Baron, and the Next Tobago

Stars.

According to Winchester, "Patrons are in for a treat. This is a real show."

Guardian Media Ltd, the official media partner of the series, will carry exclusive live broadcast of lectures and performances. The T&T Guardian celebrated the return of the King with the Thursday publication of a Sparrow Tribute Magazine—a collector's item.

## If Sparrow Say So... Lecture Series

The If Sparrow Say So...series continues tomorrow at 10 am—Leaving Royal Jail (Earl Lovelace), at the Rudranath Capildeo Learning Resource Centre, Couva. He is also advertised to perform at two calypso tents—Kaiso House, Queen's Park Savannah, Port-of-Spain, and Cro Cro's The People's Tent.

**Tomorrow, 7 pm:** Sparrow Offstage (Pro Hollis Liverpool)—Fairfield Complex, Tobago

**Wednesday, 7 pm:** The University of Sparrow (David Rudder)—Naparima Bowl, San Fernando

**February 26, 7 pm:** Who Taking Advantage of Who—Prof Patricia Mohammed and Singing Sandra—Daaga Auditorium, UWI, St Augustine

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